

EASTER SEALS NEEDS WHEELCHAIRS, WALKERS, CRUTCHES FOR HANDICAPPED

Easter Seal Society needs used wheelchairs, walkers and crutches.

The inflationary spiral which has impact on the nation's physically handicapped has boosted the demand for rehabilitation equipment loan, a service offered by more than 200 East Seal Treatment Centers across the country.

"Senior Citizens of Nevada on Social Security or on a fixed income suffer the most" said Winston Miller, Director of the Treatment Center facility in Clark County. "The majority that applied for this program were handicapped senior citizens, age 65 or

over," Mr. Miller stated.

Standard wheelchairs that used to sell for \$85 to \$100 now retail for \$250. Similar price escalations have affected over types of equipment, restricting their availability to disabled persons whose needs cannot be met through existing community resources or from their own finances.

As one result of this cost crunch, the donation of wheelchairs, canes, crutches, walkers and many other items are badly needed by the Clark County Easter Seal Treatment Center, located at 2915 E. Sunrise Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. Other rehabilita-

tion equipment aids needed are bed rails, parallel bars, physical therapy devices such as stationary bicycles, stand-up and tilt tables, weights, hospital beds.

"We're appealing to those members of Clark County Community who have equipment gathering dust in attics and storage areas," Mr. Miller said. "The wheelchair or other equipment used in the past by your family can be put to good use today helping the handicapped."

Easter Seal Centers have provided more than 69,000 pieces of rehabilitation equipment to underprivileged handicapped children and adults from coast to coast this past fiscal year and these programs have been a needed

-- and popular -- community service of the Society for many years. But not until recently has the demand been so heavy.

To obtain equipment loans at the Treatment

Center, a written medical approval is required from an attending physician. The equipment loan is for as long as the user's physical condition warrants the need and the Treatment Center can arrange for delivery and pick-up.

A minimum security payment is normally required to secure its return but if there are no funds, patients are not refused. For further information please call the Easter Seal Treatment Center, 382-2994.

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WASH. (WNS) -- Israel is "not receiving 100 percent of the military aid promised it by the United States," Israel Defense Minister Shimon Peres declared here.

Speaking to reporters after his meeting with Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld at the Pentagon, Peres said, however, the "better part" of the promised aid is being delivered. He observed that U.S. arms supplies to Israel is designed "in a very measured way" to allow Israel to protect itself

against the arms the Soviet Union is supplying to Arab states.

However, he said he was appreciative of the U.S. response and "we are still negotiating."

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